

Solemn Vespers

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
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Saint Mary's Basilica

Motet: Adoramus Te, Christe (Sung by Choir)

Adoramus Te, Christe,
Et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per sanctam crucem tuam
Redemisti mundum.

*We adore you, O Christ,
And we bless you.
Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.*

(T. Dubois, 1837-1924)

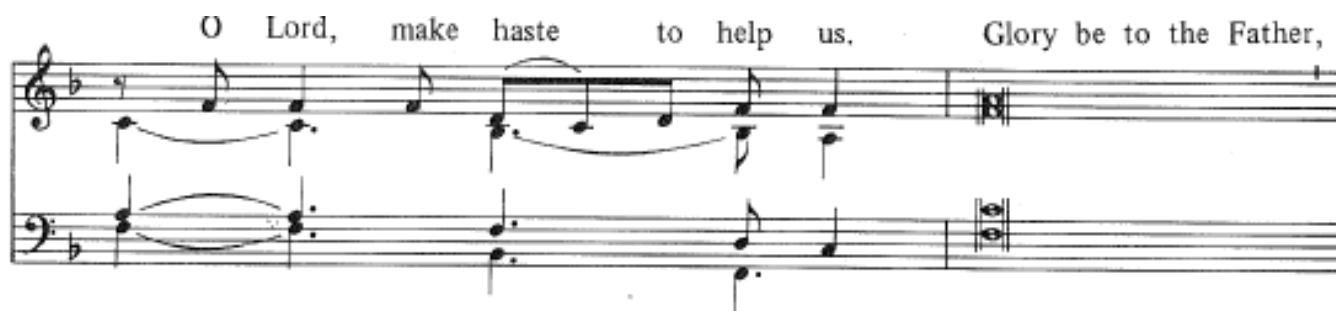
Introduction to the Hour

Presider:



O God, come to our aid.

ALL:



O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father,



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

Opening Hymn

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

DIX



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-



1. star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
2. man-ger-bed, There to bend the knee be-fore
3. rude and bare; So may we with ho-ly joy,
4. nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past,
5. at-ed light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,



1. Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious
2. Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore; So may we with
3. Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest
4. Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ev-er



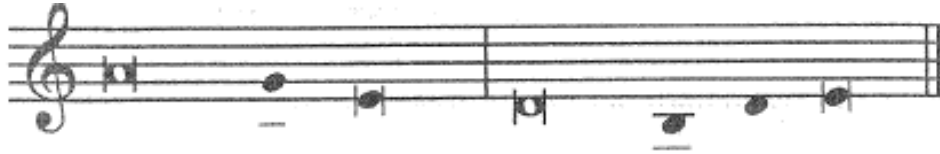
1. Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to thee.
2. will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.
3. trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
5. may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837-1898.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889.

Psalm 110

*Antiphon: He comes in splendour, the King who is our peace;
he is supreme over all the kings of the earth.*



(The Assembly chants the verses in bold)

The Lord's revelation to my Master: "Sit on my right:
Your foes I will put beneath your feet."

**The Lord will wield from Zion your scepter of power:
Rule in the midst of all your foes.**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;
From the womb before the dawn I begot you.

**The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change;
"You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old."**

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

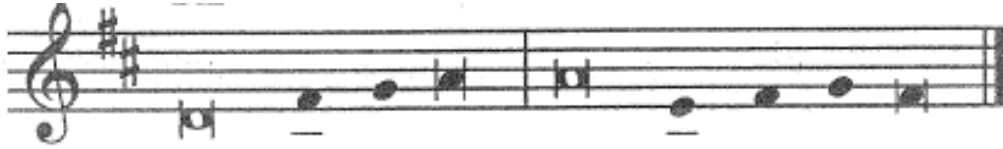
**He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever, Amen.**

Canticle: Revelation 15: 3-4

Antiphon: Lord, every nation on earth 'will adore you.



(The Assembly chants the verses in bold)

Great and amazing are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty,

**Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations.**

Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship before you,
For your judgments have been revealed.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit,

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever, Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Titus 3: 4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us; not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the baptism of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he lavished on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs, in hope, of eternal life.

Silent Reflection

Franciscan Reading:

Bonaventure, The Major Legend of Saint Francis

In an outpouring of kindness, the Most High looked upon Francis, a little, poor, and contrite man. God not only lifted the needy man from the dust of a worldly life; but also gave him as a light for believers, a practitioner, a leader, and a herald of Gospel perfection, that by bearing witness to the light he might prepare for the Lord a way of light and peace to the hearts of the faithful. Shining with the splendour of his life and teaching, like the morning star in the midst of the clouds, by his resplendent rays he guided into the light those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, and like the rainbow shining among clouds of glory, he made manifest in himself the sign of the Lord's covenant.

Silent Reflection

Homily

Responsory

La schola: *L'assemblea:*

R. br.

Verbum ca-ro factum est, Alle- lú-ia,

La schola:

al-le- lú- ia. Et ha-bi-tá- vit in no- bis.

L'assemblea: *La schola:*

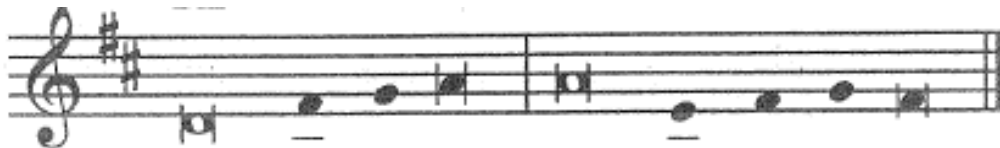
Alle- lú-ia, al-le- lú- ia. Gló-ri- a Pa-tri, et Fí- li-o.

L'assemblea:

et Spi-rí- tu- i Sancto. Alle- lú-ia, al-le- lú- ia.

*The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia,
And dwelt among us, alleluia, alleluia;
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia.*

Canticle of Mary



Antiphon: *They were overjoyed at seeing the star;
and on entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his Mother.*

MY SOUL REJOICES

Owen Alstott



1. My soul pro-claims your
2. Your mer-cy flows through-
3. You cast the might - y
4. You fill the hun - gry
5. Just as you prom - ised



1. might-y deeds. My spir - it sings the great-ness of your name.
2. out the land and ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion knows your love.
3. from their thrones and raise the poor and low - ly to new life.
4. with good things. With emp - ty hands you send the rich a - way.
5. A - bra - ham, you come to free your peo-ple, Is - ra - el.

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Intercessions

After each intercession, all respond:

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e,
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. (hum)

Last time

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Our Father

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-losed be thy name;
thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Concluding Prayer

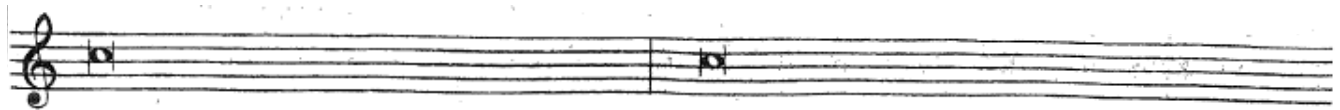
God our Father, you revealed your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star.

Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever,

Amen.

Blessing



V. The Lord be with you. R. And also with you.



V. May Al - mighty - y God bless you, the Fa - ther,



and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it. R. A - men.

Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ. R. Thanks be to God.

Antiphon to Our Lady

SALVE REGINA

Sal-ve, Re - gí - na, ma - ter mi - se - ri - cór - di - ae, Vi - ta dul -
cé - do et spes no - stra, sal - ve. Ad te cla - má - mus,
éx - su - les, fí - li - i He - vae. Ad te sus - pi - rá - mus,
ge - mén - tes et flen - tes in hac la - cri - má - rum val - le.
E - ia er - go, Ad - vo - cá - ta no - stra, il - los tu - os mi -
se - ri - cór - des ó - cu - los ad nos con - vér - te.
Et Je - sum, be - ne - dí - ctum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i,
no - bis post hoc ex - sí - li - um os - tén - de.
O cle - mens, O pi - a,
O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - rí - a.